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William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 222  
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Nomination to Rural Task Force  
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mr. Caton:

Sprint Corporation hereby nominates James W. Sichter to serve on the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service's Rural Task Force as the incumbent LEC representative. Mr. Sichter has 24 years' experience in analyzing economic and regulatory policy issues, most recently as Assistant Vice President - Regulatory and Industry Planning for Sprint's Local Telephone Division. In his current position, Mr. Sichter is responsible for and actively involved with the development of the Benchmark Cost Proxy Model, which Sprint and other carriers have proposed be used to estimate the forward-looking economic cost of providing universal service support for basic local telephone service.

Mr. Sichter's resume is attached.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Norina Moy".

Norina Moy  
Director, Federal Regulatory  
Policy and Coordination

cc: Astrid Carlson, FCC  
Attached service list

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## **James W. Sichter**

**Assistant Vice President - Regulatory and Industry Planning  
Sprint Local Telecom Division**

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

1996 to Present	<p><b>Assistant Vice President - Regulatory and Industry Planning</b></p> <p>Responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Federal Regulatory Matters</li><li>• Development of Sprint policy positions on Access Reform and Universal Service</li><li>• Development of Sprint policy positions relative to implementation of the Local Competition provisions of the Telecom Act of 1996, including interconnection and unbundled network element costing and pricing, and wholesale discounts</li><li>• Providing policy testimony in interconnection proceedings/arbitrations, and in state access reform and universal service proceedings</li></ul>
1989 to 1996	<p><b>Director, Service Costs</b></p> <p>Responsibilities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interstate Access Charge filings</li><li>• Separations and access costing</li><li>• ARMIS reports</li><li>• Incremental costing models and studies</li><li>• Product cost and profitability analysis for new products and services</li></ul>
1984 to 1989	<p><b>Director - Regulatory and Industry Planning</b></p> <p>Responsibilities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Federal Regulatory Matters</li><li>• Development of Sprint policies relative to separations, access, and price cap regulation</li></ul>
1983 to 1984	<p><b>Manager - Policy Research</b></p>
1980 to 1983	<p><b>Staff Economist</b></p>
1977 - 1980	<p><b>Corporate Planning Analyst</b></p>
1973 - 1977	<p><b>Revenue Planning Analyst</b></p>

**EDUCATION**

Masters in Public Administration, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 1979

Masters in Economics, Wright State University, 1972

B.A., Economics, University of Kentucky, 1968

**INDUSTRY/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Advisory Committee, Michigan State University Institute of Public Utilities, 1988 to Present; named to the Executive Committee in April, 1990.

Faculty Member, Michigan State University-NARUC Annual Studies Program, 1985 to present.

Chairman, USTA Part 69 Concepts Committee, 1989 to 1991.

Chairman, USTA Policy Analysis Committee, 1986 to 1989.

Chairman, USTA Price Cap Team, 1987 to 1989. Awarded USTA President's Citation for work on price cap regulation, October 1988.

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